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451th REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, December 17, 2013
Homestead Country Club
6510 Mission Road, Prairie Village, Kansas
Social Hour-Cash Bar-6:00p.m.
Dinner-6:30p.m.

DECEMBER SPEAKER DR. MICHAEL E. MONACO "CIVIL WAR MEDICINE"

Dr. Monaco is an Internal Medicine Physician in private practice and works at Select Healthcare, P.A. in Overland Park KS. Dr. Monaco graduated from the University of Missouri with a BA in Biology in 1984 and graduated from the University of Missouri, Kansas City School of Medicine in 1987. Dr. Monaco also works as Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the UMKC School of Medicine, the University of Kansas School of Medicine, and the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences.

Dr Monaco will be speaking on Civil War medicine and displaying amputation and surgical equipment. Dr. Monaco will also discuss sex during the Civil War and specifically how they dealt with venereal disease and what percentage of the soldiers got VD.

Dr. Monaco will bring examples of various Civil War weapons, including a rifled musket, a bayonet, an Army Colt pistol, cannister balls, etc. and discuss the terrible wounds that these weapons inflicted and how the wounds were dealt with on the battlefield.

Dr. Monaco also works as Team Physician (Internal Medicine Specialist) for the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club. He can often be seen on the sidelines at Kansas City Chiefs home games.

Attendance requires a paid dinner reservation.

*Please be sure our Treasurer receives all reservations by Friday, Dec. 14, 2013
along with payment of \$26.00 per person. Mail to:*

Paul Gault, 7118 N. Congress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64152

*Homestead's deadline for reservation changes is the following Monday afternoon, so
promptly report any necessary adjustments to Paul at 816-741-2962 or 816-522-8021.*

If unable to reach him, call Assistant Treasurer Howard Mann at 816-932-5663.

SPEAKERS 2014

- * **January 2014:** Arnold Schofield - Red River Campaign.
- * **February 2014:** Dan Smith - James Montgomery and the Battle of Olustee, Florida.
- * **March 2014:** Bjorn Skaptason - United States Colored Troops and the Campaign of Brice's Crossroads.
- * **April 2014:** Harold Holzer - Abraham Lincoln.
- * **May 2014:** Mark Christ - The 1864 Camden Expedition and the Battle of Poison Spring, Arkansas.
- * **June 2014:** Don Bates, Sr. - Battle of Cold Harbor.
- * **July 2014:** Dan Smith - Battle of Monocacy, Maryland.
- * **August 2014:** Proposed speaker: Glenn Robertson - Battle of Mobile Bay.
- * **September 2014:** Proposed speaker: Walter Busch - Battle of Pilot Knob, Missouri.
- * **October 2014:** Dan Smith - Battle of Westport.
- * **November 2014:** Arnold Schofield - Aftermath of Westport (Price's retreat to Texas).
- * **December 2014:** Proposed speaker: Dr. Ethan Rafuse - Sherman's March to the Sea.

MENU FOR DECEMBER 2013

Caesar Salad, Atlantic Salmon with a Dijon Mustard Dill Sauce, Parsley potatoes, Steamed Green Peas, & Pecan Pie.

BATTLE OF WESTPORT 150 COMMEMORATION

Plans are underway for the Commemoration of the Battle of Westport in October, 2014. There will be a series of lead-up events beginning in early 2014, creating excitement, building anticipation, and educating our community about this important event in our shared past. A website is being finalized and will be launched soon along with a Facebook page.

A committee has been formed, chaired by George Vesel, to plan the Commemoration. The committee is meeting monthly at the Harris-Kearney House in Westport. If you would like to become involved, contact George Vesel at 816-797-9452 or BattleofWestport150@gmail.com.

Look for monthly updates in the Border Bugle and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook.

BATTLE OF WESTPORT VISITORS CENTER AND MUSEUM

December Brings Special Programs to Civil War Museum in Swope Park

The Monnett Battle of Westport Fund is honored to provide the following programs in December at the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum.

Willadeen Johnson, descendent of a Battle of Island Mound veteran, will share the fascinating story of her family and the First Kansas Colored Troops. The First Kansas Colored was the first African American Unit to fight in the Civil War at Island Mound, near Butler, Missouri. Mrs. Johnson's presentation will take place at 2:00 p.m. on December 7, 2013 at the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum.

The Grand Historian of The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Missouri F&AM, Robert Campbell will speak on the important role played by Prince Hall Masons in the Underground Railroad and after Emancipation. This interesting program will be held on December 14, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum.

On December 14, 2013, at 3:00 p.m., a program of Civil War fiddle music performed by fiddlers Howard Marshall of Columbia, MO. and John P. Williams of Madison, MO., and guitarist, Bob Cathey of Hallsville, MO. There will be a book signing of Marshall's new book and CD "Play Me Something Quick and Devilish: Old-Time Fiddlers in Missouri"

These programs are free and open to the public and include admission to the special exhibit: "A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri" on view at the Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum through December 21, 2013, Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.

"A State Divided: The Civil War in Missouri" is a joint project of the Missouri History Museum and the Missouri Humanities Council. The traveling exhibit tells the stories of Missourians during the defining conflict of our country. The Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum will also feature exhibits on the Battle of Westport, African American soldiers in Missouri, and the stories of families struggling to survive.

Funding for the exhibits and programming is through a grant from the Missouri Humanities Council and the Monnett Battle of Westport Fund.

The Battle of Westport Visitor Center and Museum is located at the Meyer Boulevard entrance to Swope Park at 6601 Swope Parkway in Kansas City, Missouri. For more information, visit www.battleofwestport1864.org.

NEW MEMBERS.....

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10th ANNUAL MEMORIAL LUMINARY DRIVING TOUR AT WILSON'S CREEK NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD ADMISSION IS FREE!!

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield presents the 10th Annual Memorial Illumination Ceremony, featuring over 2,539 luminaries, representing those killed, wounded, or missing at the Battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10, 1861.

WHEN: Saturday, December 14, 2013.
WHERE: Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Republic, Missouri. Directions: Travel west on the James River Freeway (Hwy 60) to exit Hwy M. Go south on M for about ¾ mile to Wilson's Creek Blvd. (Hwy ZZ). Turn south on Wilson's Creek Blvd., go one mile to Farm Rd 182. Then, turn east on Farm Rd 182 and the first right is the entrance to the park.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
4:30 pm Opening Ceremony at the Visitor's Center
5:00 pm Volunteer Procession through Illumination
5:15 pm Memorial Illumination Tour Opens to Public
Over 2,000 people expected to tour Illumination from 5:15 pm to 9:30 pm

EVENT DETAILS: Over one hundred volunteers, including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation members, Ozark Civil War Roundtable members, and other community organizations will participate in this event, assembling the luminaries and distributing them along the five-mile tour road through the park.

A luminary is a paper bag filled with sand and a lighted candle. A special candle will be utilized this year to honor our park volunteers.

Living history volunteers, carolers, and re-enactors at the Ray House will bring the past to life. Visitors are encouraged to tour the Ray House and learn about the hardships faced by local families during the Civil War. Music, refreshments, and information will be provided at the visitor center.

Vehicles will use parking lights only for the five-mile driving tour through the National Battlefield, with stops at the Visitor Center and the Ray House. There are no restrooms along the tour route.

The tour road will close at noon on December 14th to complete preparations.

STATEMENT FROM REV. LARRY COLEMAN

Slave enlistment in the Union army not only counted toward the Missouri enlistment quota of 13,516 men--exempting whites from conscription or enlistment--but each owner received \$300 per slave enlisted, as compensation for the slave's freedom.

I found this to be fascinating!

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR AREA

Posse of the Westerners
Tuesday, December 10, 2013—6 pm—Dinner. \$25. Golden Ox, 1600 Genessee Street, Kansas City, MO.
Bill Hicks: Octave Chanute, the builder of the Hannibal Bridge, mentor to the Wright Brothers, namesake of Chanute, Kansas. For dinner reservations call Ann Schultis at (816) 456-0669.

Freedom's Frontier Partners Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2013—10 am. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Workshop on how to attract and keep volunteers.

Kansas Emigrant Battle over Slavery
Saturday, December 14, 2013—10 am. Midwest Genealogy Center, 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, MO. Use of local histories, territorial records, slave records, vital records, and census records to tell the story of the conflict over slavery in Kansas and Missouri. RSVP to (816) 252-7228.

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**QUILTERS HONOR LEAWOOD
VETERAN FOR IMPRESSIVE
MILITARY CAREER.**

By JENNIFER BHARGAVA
Special to The Star

John Brooks knows bravery.
Nearly 70 years ago, the young, strapping World War II soldier landed on Omaha Beach, proud to represent his country but unsure if the immediate future would keep him alive to remember it.

Fortunately, it did. And after an impressive military career — spanning three wars — his life-risking patriotism has been recognized over and over again.

On Sunday afternoon at his Leawood home, the re tired colonial was presented with a Quilt of Valor by the Starlight Quilters Guild of Shawnee. The quilts are awarded to military personnel, active and retired, who > have been touched by war.

The red, white and blue hand-crafted quilt displayed sewn signatures of local veterans and those honoring military friends and family.

"I think it's just outstanding," Brooks said, admiring the red quilt in his arms. "It's awfully nice of your organization to think of me."

Then with a wink, the 93-year-old added, "And it's a lot better than I could make. Quilt-making is not my specialty."

For the ladies of the Starlight Quilters Guild of Shawnee, however, the honor was all theirs.

Donna di Natale, the board member who presented the quilt to Brooks, could not think of a more perfect recipient.

Brooks' military career, she pointed out, represents an important part of American history.

After joining the Army in 1941, he fought in North Africa and Sicily and then was sent to England to train as an anti-tank company commander for the Normandy invasion. He was part of the first company to land on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

While stationed in Germany, he met a beautiful 21-year-old native, Inge, and they were soon married.

As they raised a family, Brooks continued his military career as an officer during the Korean war and the Vietnam war. He retired from active duty in 1966.

His awards over the years include two Purple Hearts and the French National Order of the Legion Honor, among several others.

"People from that era are passing away every day," di Natale said. "The stories he tells us will be gone, so it's important to recognize these people and learn from them."

Not only does Brooks have an impressive military background, but his family tree reads like an American history textbook.

He is a direct descendent of John Brooks, who was an officer in the Revolutionary War and later became governor of Massachusetts.

He is the grandson of Alfred Thayer Mahan, a United States Navy flag officer who single-handedly changed military strategy around the world with his concept of "sea power," which was based on the idea that countries with greater naval power will have greater worldwide impact.

And his father was one of the U.S. military's first aviators.

As he got older, Brooks grew proud of his heritage and developed a fascination for American military history. He travels all over Kansas City giving talks about the topic.

"About six years ago, we sat down with him and recorded all the experiences he could remember and we plan to make it into a book to pass along to our children

and grandchildren," said one of his daughters, Barbara Young of Fairway. "I'm very proud of my dad."

And while Brooks' legacy fascinates di Natale, she points out that every veteran has an interesting story to tell. The quilts offered by Starlight Quilters Guild of Shawnee are just a small way of paying respect for those stories, she added.

"We want every veteran to know they deserved to be thanked," di Natale said.



GETTYSBURG: A SHORT SPEECH LONG REMEMBERED

By Mark Scolford
The Associated Press

GETTYSBURG, Pa. In solemnity, thousands gathered at this Pennsylvania battlefield park Tuesday to honor a speech given 150 years ago that President Abraham Lincoln predicted would not be long remembered.

The inspirational and famously short Gettysburg Address was praised for re-invigorating national ideals of freedom, liberty and justice amid a Civil War that had torn the country into pieces.

"President Lincoln sought to heal a nation's wounds by defining what a nation should be," said Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Corbett, calling Lincoln's words superb, his faith deep and his genius profound. "Lincoln wrote his words on paper, but he also inscribed them in our hearts."

"Echoing Lincoln, keynote speaker and Civil War historian James McPherson said the president took the oath in November 1863 at a time when it looked like the nation "might indeed perish from the earth."

"The Battle of Gettysburg became the hinge of fate on which turned the destiny of that nation and its new birth of freedom," McPherson said.

In the July 1863 battle, considered the turning point of the war, Union forces fought back a Confederate invasion of Pennsylvania. Lincoln's speech was delivered more than four months later, at the dedication of a national cemetery to bury the battle's casualties.

In the short oration, he spoke of how democracy itself rested upon "the proposition that all men are created equal," a profound and politically risky statement for the time. Slavery and the doctrine of states' rights would not hold in the "more perfect union" of Lincoln's vision.

"In 272 words, he put together what everyone was thinking, what everyone should know," said park historian John Heiser. Because of varying transcriptions, scholars generally put the text at 268 to 272 words.

Supreme Court justice Antonin Scalia administered the oath of allegiance to a group of 16 immigrants, telling them the national identity is unique, illustrated by the existence of the word "un-American" and by the people's "fidelity to certain political principles."

Greta Myer, 44, decided to make the six-hour trip from Akron, Ohio, with her husband and son after spending a week in Gettysburg earlier in the year.

"It's something we've never done before," Myer said. "It was a historical event that we wanted to be a part of"

Among many re-enactors on the grounds were several Abraham Lincolns, including one who recited the address.

"Lincoln would have been surprised by the reverence accorded to him by future generations," McPherson said, noting Lincoln himself held in high regard the country's founders.

"Would they preserve that heritage, or would they allow it to perish from the earth?" McPherson said.

He said the Gettysburg Address, despite its short length, managed to weave together themes of past, present and future; continent, nation and battlefield; and birth, death and rebirth.

"Men died that the nation might live," McPherson said. "Yet the old nation also died," and with it, the system of bondage that enslaved some 4 million Americans.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, who adopted Lincolnian brevity, said the Gettysburg battle stands at the vortex of American history and the Gettysburg Address at the vortex of national consciousness.

Lincoln, she, said, called the country to its unfinished business, and he also came to symbolize the country's "greatest virtues of humility, of honesty and decency."

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**EXCERPT FROM THE 10TH
MASSACHUSETTS; DECEMBER 1863**

As Christmas approached on the battlefields and winter camps of the war, both in the Carolinas and with the Army of the Potomac in Virginia, there were visitors from Springfield offering large bounties and the offer of long furloughs for local men who were willing to re-enlist for another three years.

According to the regimental history of the 10th Massachusetts:

"December 18th brought a Springfield visitor in the person of Mr. O.W. Wilcox who came clear down here to secure men on the city's quota. Of course he was after re-enlistments but it did seem queer that recruits should be sought so near the battlefield when we were sending officers north on the same errand."

The promise of a 35-day furlough and \$325 in bounty money convinced hundreds of soldiers from the local regiments to re-up. Many said it was

really the furlough and the chance to head for home during the holidays, that got them to sign.

The 10th's history provides this glimpse of Christmas Day at the camp in Brandy Station:

"The men were still drawing wood for building purposes and one careful onlooker describes a fight between a rooster owned by Captain Young of General Eustis's staff and another the property of Owen Crummy, the regimental butcher, in which combat the butcher's bird was whipped, a fact which so exasperated the owner that he immediately wrung the unlucky bird's neck.

"As for his own Christmas dinner the writer says Alf Midgley presented our bunk with a cake. I had already bought a liver from the Commissary and John Beaumont had a box of goodies come from home so we had a good dinner. This afternoon I saw a sparring match on the parade ground. Perhaps the day was not spent exactly in the orthodox fashion but what could be expected of men and boys who had enlisted to fight. As December waned and whole regiments having re-enlisted were going home, the spirit to do likewise proved contagious and by the 28th about one hundred of the Tenth had made a start."

On New Years Eve the Connecticut River Valley was blanketed by new snow. It held up the newly instituted train from Springfield to Montreal, but didn't stop the local African-American churches from holding their second annual "Watch Night" to mark the first full year of the Emancipation Proclamation and the freedom it brought.



2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES 2014

The Membership Dues for 2014 remain the same as last year. As you are aware, it is our annual dues that cover expenses associated with obtaining quality speakers, principally for transportation and lodging, as well as for costs of the Border Bugle and Annual Directory.

Please complete the form below to insure that we have the correct information for the membership directory.

2014 CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE OF KANSAS CITY DUES

Dues deadline is December 31, 2013

\$30 per year (individual)* \$45 per year (couple)

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